

STAR TWINKLINGS.

Twinkle brightly, *Evening Star*,
Shine for all and shine afar.

EXCRUCIATING.—A modern poet, after piling up the agony to his Dulcinea until he was in sight of the seventh heaven, closes thus:

I hope wel meat agin
as ouft weve Meat befor
Nor shall our Trough luv server
Fur i am yurs forever.

NO INDEED!—An Irishman whose vote was challenged at the late election, very indignantly remarked, that in the first row Ameriky got into, his father lost his life fighting for her, and in the next he lost both arms; but if *this* was the way the old fellow would never lift a finger for her again, come what might!

ABERATED.—"Julius, was you eber troubled wid de aberation ob mind?"

"No, I was crazy once, and dat satisfied dis child. For two day I was chased all round town by a brick house; and what's worse, I'd never have got away if a liberty pole hadn't up foot and kicked me overboard."

WINTER AND SUMMER.—An old gentleman of about eighty-four having taken to the altar a young lady of sweet sixteen, the clergyman observed—"The font is at the other end of the church." "What do I want with the font?" said the old gentleman. "Oh! I beg your pardon," returned the clerical wit, "I thought you had brought this child to be christened."

PREACHING SMALL.—"Mother," said a little girl seven years old, "I could not understand our minister to-day, he said so many hard words. I wish he would preach so that little girls could understand him. Won't he, mother?" "Yes, I think so, if you ask him." Soon after, her father saw her going out. "Where are you going, Emma?" said he. "I'm going over to Mr. —'s, to ask him to preach small."

MISTAKING THE TIME.—An industrious tradesman having taken a new apprentice, awoke him the first morning at a very early hour, by calling out that the family were sitting down to table. "Thank you," said the boy, as he turned over in bed to adjust himself for a new nap, "thank you; but I never eat anything during the night."

THE POETRY OF PASSION.—A Pennsylvania editor has been travelling in the country, and having got stuck in the mud, dashes off the following couplets for his paper. It will be observed that in the second line he forms a just estimate of his own grade among the vestiges of creation:

"The roads are not passible,
Not even Jackassable—
And those who *will* travel 'em
Should turn out and gravel 'em."

A MISSING COIN.—The papers tell us that a young heiress named Vestena Coyne, engaged to be married to a Mr. Wesley, eloped with a youth named Kearney on the night preceding her intended nuptials with Mr. W. Of course a coin has a right to change. The papers forgot to add Mr. Wesley's lament:—

Quick from misfortune's quiver thrown,
Our sorrows never come alone;
One grief finds plenty more to join,
And long in want of cash, I now am minus coin.

Mr. Wesley feels better since writing this sterling epigram.

JUVENILE LOGIC.—"Pa," said a little seven-year fellow, "I guess our man, Ralph, is a good christian."

"How so, my boy," queried the parent.

"Why, pa, I read in the Bible that the wicked shall not live out half his days—and Ralph says he has *lived out* ever since he was a little boy."

FLOWING WIT.—A Baptist clergyman was once on the witness stand, and lawyer T., who knew his profession, commenced his cross examination in the following manner:

"What is your occupation?"
"Oh, sir! I am an humble candle of the Lord."
"Ah! yes—a *dipped* one, I believe," said the wicked lawyer.

HARD CASE.—The girl who had three lovers named Saken, Lorn and Born, was compelled by her parents to marry the latter, and afterwards wrote—

"I am forSaken and forLorn,
I wish I never had been Born."

Two loafers met upon the wharf yesterday, and passed the compliments of the season.

"Jim," said one, "have you seen Hall? he's looking for you."

"Hall—what Hall?"

"Why, Alco Hall, you fool."

"Pshaw," responded Jim, "that's a poor sell, and you wouldn't have caught me if I hadn't been hurt last night when John tripped me up."

"John who?"

"Demi John, you numskull."

A philosopher and a wit were once at sea, and a high swell rising, the philosopher seemed under great apprehension lest he should go the bottom.

"Why," observed the wit, "that will suit your genius to a tittle. As for my part, you know I am only for skimming the surface of things."

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